

Human Resources Department Strategic Issues

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Human Resources Department Responsibilities

The City's greatest exposure is in its role as employer.

- Legal recruitment and selection process
- Payroll and benefit administration
- Training
- Temporary and seasonal employees
- Bargaining unit negotiations
- Job classification and compensation system
- Employee complaints and grievances
- Employee award programs
- Random drug testing





Demographics of the Workplace

- 3,276 employees
- 12% eligible to retire
- 23% reduction in job applicants from 2006 to 2007
- 60% of employees who leave the City are taking other jobs



Staying Competitive with The Labor Market

- Wages
- Benefits
- Working Conditions
- Job Descriptions



Employee Skill Development

- Strong training and development programs
- Need for more Tuition Reimbursement funds
 - \$35,000 in 2007 budget
 - 118 requests, 69 funded
 - \$35,000 in 2008 budget
 - \$70,000 requested in 2009 budget



Certifications for City Employees

- Equipment Operators
- Engineers
- Nurses
- Electricians
- Building Inspectors
- Bus and Van Operators
- Engineers
- Mechanics

Who pays to keep employees qualified for their jobs?

Policy issue with future budget impact.





Succession Planning

- Within framework of:
 - Critical skills
 - Available talent
 - Development potential
- Human Resources customizes succession plans with each City Department.

Who pays to prepare employees?

Policy issue with future budget impact.





Flexible Work Schedules

- Increases productivity
- Increases customer services
- No additional cost
- Within parameters, each Department develops its own schedule.

Policy issue with no budget impact.



